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Attorney General Jeremiah W. Nixon Attorney General's Office Supreme Court Building P.O. Box 899 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 INTER-AGENCY

Dear Attorney General Nixon:

This office is still holding a check from your campaign in the amount of \$47,022 dated October 26, 2007 purporting to reimburse the state for your unlawful use of state resources for political and personal purposes. You or your campaign have received four letters from this office seeking information that would establish the accuracy of this payment, but have failed to answer necessary questions about this payment. The unanswered questions are:

- 1. What are the exact, not estimated, dates and miles that you or your staff drove any state vehicle for political and personal purposes?
- 2. What are the names, dates, hours, payroll rate, and total reimbursement amount for each employee doing political and personal work?
- 3. How did you calculate the payroll and benefits for the political personal work performed by state employees?
- 4. Which employee or employees of your office falsely represented to the State Auditor that your state vehicle was used only for state activities?

This information is essential to permit me to properly account for the reimbursement from your campaign and put this matter to rest. Accordingly, I am asking you for this information one final time. I must deposit the check by January 23. If you do not answer these questions by January 21, I will have no choice but to deposit the check and I will do so. Should you fail to fully answer these questions and thus leave me no choice but to deposit the check without authenticating it's accuracy and I will do so. You should not assume that the state accepts the check as full satisfaction of the debt. To the contrary, I will continue to pursue the information necessary to establish the actual cost to the taxpayers of your personal and political use of state resources.

The information I seek is not onerous. As I have said before, state employees routinely provide the same documentation with their expense reports. Please provide it to me, let my office verify the true cost of your personal and political use of state resources, and we can put this issue behind us.

Sincerely,

Michael N. Keathley

Commissioner